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4. On 21 March Cardinal Guevara sailed for Rome where he will visit the Pope, and as previously reported, seek the recall of the Papal Nuncio in Lima, Monsignor Panico, of whom the Cardinal disapproves. On 20 March an impressive demonstration of sympathy for the Cardinal was organized by his supporters. Some 420 signatures appeared on an announcement calling for a gathering in his honor on the occasion of his departure. This demonstration was purposely organized to show the Odría government the extent of support the Cardinal enjoys. Organizers of the demonstration included many prominent business and professional men in Lima.
5. As the Cardinal left for Rome the Catholic Church had another grievance against the government. The Church-State agreement calls for the government to pay the passage to Rome of every bishop in Peru once every five years. Source states that the government has not complied with this agreement, much to the displeasure of those bishops who had hoped to make the trip to Rome during this year.

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